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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: )

Larry Hood, et al )

Serial No.: 08/111,296 )

Filed: August 23, 1993 )

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
MODIFICATIONS OF VISUAL ACUITY )  
BY THERMAL MEANS )

Examiner: S. Harris

Art Unit: 3309

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231-9998

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 1994,  
please amend the above entitled application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 33 and 36 as follows.

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33. (ONCE AMENDED) A method for reshaping a cornea  
[denaturing tissue], comprising the steps of:

a) placing an electrode in contact with the cornea  
[tissue]; and,

b) sending a current through said electrode and into the  
cornea [tissue for a predetermined time interval] so that a local  
area of the cornea [tissue] is heated and denatured.

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4. ~~36~~. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as recited in claim ~~35~~,<sup>3</sup>  
wherein said denatured areas are located in a non-visual axis of  
the [a] cornea.

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